

DRAFT AMENDED CLAIM 1 FOR DISCUSSION DURING INTERVIEW.

Claim 1 (draft): A tangible computer readable storage medium having computer executable instructions for facilitating the transfer of back-up copies of one or more files from a first computer to a second computer via a communications network including the Internet and via a portable computer readable storage medium, comprising:

instructions for designating files from the first computer for which back-up copies will be transferred to the second computer, said the first computer and said second computer being Internet-enabled;

instructions for receiving, at the first computer, user input defining destination identification data;

instructions for identifying an Internet location of the second computer as a function of the defined identification data;

instructions for selectively transferring, based on a total size of the files being transferred, the designated files from the first computer to the second computer or to the portable computer readable medium;

wherein the designated files are directly transferred from the first computer to the second computer at the identified location via the Internet and not via the portable computer readable storage medium when a total size of the files being transferred is less than a target amount, said instructions for selectively transferring including instructions for causing, during file transfer, the second computer to be directly accessed via the Internet, without establishing communication via a server, by the first computer and without passing through any intermediate computer between the first and second computer, and

wherein the designated files are indirectly transferred from the first computer directly and not via the network to the portable computer readable storage medium when the total size of the files being transferred is greater than the target amount;

receiving, at the second computer, the selectively transferred files, wherein said received files includes authentication data for determining whether the first computer is authorized to store back-up copies on the second computer; and

storing, at the second computer, the received files when the first computer is determined to be authorized;

wherein at least some files are directly transferred from the first computer to the second computer via the Internet and not via the portable computer readable storage medium and at least some files are indirectly transferred from the first computer to the second computer via the portable computer readable storage medium and not via the Internet.